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MALNUTRITION AMONG WOMEN AND CHILDREN
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether surveys have shown high level of malnutrition among children and women in the country in both the rural and urban areas;

(b) whether the Government propose to launch a National Nutrition Mission to check the prevalent high level ofmalnutrition amongst women and children; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

(SHRIMATI SUMITRA MAHAJAN)

(a)&(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Concerted action in three areas is proposed , namely:

(i) Vigorous awareness campaign on malnutrition to reach all sections of society;

(ii) Direct interventions for preventing onset of malnutrition among 0-2 years, adolescent girls, pregnant & lactating mothers, to prevent low birth weight and micro-nutrient malnutrition;

(iii) Nutrition mapping and surveillance to regularly monitor the nutrition situation.